

Questions and Answers

1. L.17, 2, (h), (q), Cost Volume. Paragraph (q) is a duplicate of paragraph (h) with a minor change in title. Is this duplication intentional?
A: RFP Section L.17, Item 2(h) and 2(q) are duplicates. Item 2(q) on page 91 will be deleted in its entirety in Amendment 1.
2. Exhibit 16, RTO 2 Key Deliverables. Key Deliverable 4 is blank. Is there a Key Deliverable 4?
A: Exhibit 16, RTO 2, Key Deliverable #4 is an error. Exhibit 16 will be revised to reflect the correction in Amendment 1.
3. In various places, the RFP Refers to the Contracting Officer's Representative and in others to the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (for example in the statement of work). Are these two separate positions?
A: The Contracting Officer's Representative and Contracting Officer's Technical Representative are not separate positions. Prior to contract award, any document referencing Contracting Officer's Technical Representative will be changed to reflect the correct title: Contracting Officer's Representative, in Amendment 1.
4. The RFP requires the contractor to maintain an offsite facility but does not contain a proximity requirement. Is there a requirement for proximity in travel time or distance from NASA Headquarters?
A: No.
5. Paragraph L.18 (b) Past Performance Volume, Page 95. Reference states – "Offerers shall include in their proposal the written consent of their proposed significant subcontractors to allow the Government to discuss the subcontractors' past performance evaluation with the Offerer." Since these are likely to be one page per subcontractor and do not contain evaluated content, will NASA please exclude them from page count?
A: Written consent of proposed significant subcontractors is excluded from the page count limitations.
6. L.18 (b) Prior Customer Evaluations, page 94. Reference states - "The Offeror shall instruct each of its references to return the questionnaire directly to the Government in a sealed envelope." Can the references return the past performance questionnaires back to the government via fax or email?
A: Past performance questionnaires may be submitted via email, fax or sealed envelope.
7. Per the cover letter instructions, "It is requested that the proposal offer have an acceptance period of not less than 390 days." If award is to occur in less than 390 days, can you offer an updated estimate of time to award?
A: The procurement schedule, and any changes hereafter, will be available online at <http://foiaelibrary.gsfc.nasa.gov/>.
8. I - Section 1.10 Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires - addresses wages and fringes, addressing as 'example only'. Does the government expect that the NRESS candidates receive the same level of fringe benefits, particularly in the calculation of paid time off?

A: As required by the Service Contract Act of 1965, as amended, Clause 52.222-42 Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires has been included in this solicitation. The information provided in Clause 52.222-42 is for information only.

9. We were reviewing the Exhibit 1A; Offsite Government Contract Non-Management Contract Direct Labor Categories and saw a listing for “Systems Integration Engineer”. However, we did not see the aforementioned category listed amongst the Government Labor Category Descriptions. Thusly, we do not have the duties, typical education nor the typical experience for this position. Please advise.

A: Exhibit 1A erroneously included a systems integration engineer. The disconnect between Exhibit 1A’s labor categories and the position description table has been/will be corrected in Amendment 1.

10. As we are having the POCs for our past performances fill out the questionnaires, we were wondering if the government will accept the questionnaires being submitted electronically rather than mail submission from the customers?

A: See previous answer at question #6.

11. We would like to submit an inquiry/question to clarify RTO 2 Key Deliverable 4?

A: See previous answer at question #2.

12. For the RTO 3 deliverable “Project Management Plan, including schedule and cost.”, should the Contractor assume an executed task order plan for RTO 3 is the same as the project management plan deliverable? If not, will the Government provide additional clarification on the Performance Standard for the deliverable.

A: The Project Management Plan is a separate deliverable apart from the task order plan. The Government will clarify and itemize deliverable expectations when a task order request is made. The Project Management Plan is not an expected component to an offeror’s response to the RFP.

13. Will the government consider increasing the page count of Volume II from 65 pages to 70 pages? With greater emphasis on SOW 6 and 7 and more clarifications that was provided by the government, we feel a nominal increase would be advantageous to the government and industry.

A: The page limitations stated in the Final RFP (See Section L.14 Proposal Preparation – General Instructions) will remain unchanged.

14. Can you provide a searchable PDF of the final RFP document?

A: Searchable PDF documents will be made available online at <http://foiaelibrary.gsfc.nasa.gov/>.

15. Would NASA be able to provide the RFP file (156258-SOL-001-001.pdf) in a searchable PDF or Word format, to ease Offerors’ proposal preparation and compliance checks?

A: See previous answer at question #14.